

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - All India Services –Sri P. Sitharama Anjaneyulu, I.P.S., D.G.P. (u/s) (formerly D.G.P., Intelligence) - Disciplinary proceedings under Rule 8 of the A.I.S. (D&A) Rules, 1969 - Articles of charge – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SC.D) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1955

Dated:12.11.2024

Read:

G.O.Rt.No.1954, General Administration (SC.D) Dept., dated:12.11.2024.

ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri P. Sitharama Anjaneyulu, I.P.S., D.G.P. (u/s) (formerly D.G.P., Intelligence) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 8 of the All India Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1969.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. Sri P. Sitarama Anjaneyulu, I.P.S., D.G.P. (u/s) (formerly D.G.P., Intelligence) is directed to submit a written statement of defence and also state whether he desires to be heard in person, within 30 days of receipt of this order.

4. Sri P. Sitharama Anjaneyulu, I.P.S., D.G.P. (u/s) (formerly D.G.P., Intelligence) is informed that an inquiry will be held, only in respect of those Articles of Charge, which are not admitted and in case if it is considered necessary, the Member of Service should, therefore, specifically admit or deny the Articles of Charge.

5. Sri P. Sitharama Anjaneyulu, I.P.S., D.G.P. (u/s) (formerly D.G.P., Intelligence) is further informed that if no written statement of defence is filed within the time specified in Para 3 above, or if he does not appear in person before the Inquiring Authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 8 of All India Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1969 or the orders or directions issued in pursuance of the said Rules, action will be taken against him on the basis of the material available on record, on the ground that he has no explanation to offer.

6. Attention of Sri P. Sitharama Anjaneyulu, I.P.S., D.G.P. (u/s) (formerly D.G.P., Intelligence) is invited to rule 18 of the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968, according to which no Member of Service shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of Sri P. Sitarama Anjaneyulu, I.P.S., in any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such representation and that

it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 18 of the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968.

7. This order is sent to Sri P. Sitharama Anjaneyulu, I.P.S., D.G.P. (u/s) (formerly D.G.P., Intelligence) in duplicate. He is directed to acknowledge the receipt with date on the duplicate copy and return the same to the Government, immediately.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri P. Sitharama Anjaneyulu, I.P.S., D.G.P. (u/s) (formerly D.G.P., Intelligence)
(through the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri
with a request to serve copy of the Government Order on the
Member of Service, obtain his acknowledgement on the duplicate copy
and furnish the same to the Government, immediately).

The Director General of Police, A.P., Mangalagiri.

Copy to

The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 001.

The Home (SC-A) Department.

The General Administration (SC.C) Department.

The General Administration (SC.E) Department.

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ANNEXURE-I

Statement of Articles of Charge framed against Sri P. Sitharama Anjaneyulu, I.P.S., D.G.P. (U/s) (formerly D.G.P., Intelligence).

Article of Charge – I:

That the Member of Service/ Charged Officer while working as Director General of Police (Intelligence), without the required supervisory authority, improperly gave oral instructions to Shri Kanthi Rana Tata (IPS), the then Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada Police Commissionerate and Shri Vishal Gunni (IPS), the then Deputy Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada Police Commissionerate on 31.01.2024 at the CMO (Chief Minister Office), to initiate specific actions related to criminal proceedings, including instructions for filing a First Information Report FIR No. 90 of 2024 in the file of Ibrahimpatnam Police Station and subsequent arrest procedures, without lawful authority or justification to issue such directives. This action, taken without authority constitutes an unauthorized exercise of influence, amounting to a willful misuse of position and improper interference in official processes. By this conduct, the Charged Officer has violated the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968, more specifically Rule 3(1), 3(2B)(iii) and Rule 3(1A)(i), which mandate maintenance of integrity, duty of restraint, and adherence to lawful procedures by all members of the service.

Article of Charge – II:

That the Member of Service/ Charged Officer, in further misuse of authority, directly instructed Shri Kanthi Rana Tata and Shri Vishal Gunni to proceed with the registration of a criminal case through an FIR, and in fast-tracking investigation without adequate scrutiny of authority and directed the subsequent arrest of Ms. Kadambari Jetwani and others, despite the absence of any formal complaint or valid grounds for such actions. These actions, prima facie motivated by ulterior objectives, represent a serious deviation from procedural norms and a violation of due process, thereby constituting a breach of the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968, specifically Rule 3(2B)(ii), (iii), (vi), and (vii), which govern impartiality, fairness in official conduct, and adherence to prescribed legal procedures.

Article of Charge – III:

That the Member of Service/ Charged Officer in abuse of his position and in connivance with Shri Kanthi Rana Tata and Shri Vishal Gunni, directed the initiation of penal actions, including the filing of an FIR and subsequent arrest measures against Ms. Kadambari Jetwani & Ors, prior to the receipt of a formal complaint or the registration of an FIR in furtherance of ulterior motives. This conduct was undertaken without proper supervisory authority or jurisdiction, violating the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968, specifically Rule 3(1), which mandates that every officer maintain absolute integrity and uphold lawful and impartial conduct in their duties.

Thus the Member of Service/ Charged Officer in the above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty which is unbecoming of Member of Service thereby violated Rule 3(1), 3(1A)(i), 3(1A)(iii), 3(1A)(iv), 3(1A)(vi), 3(2B)(i), 3(2B)(iii), 3(2B)(iv), 3(2B)(vii), 3(2B)(viii), 3(2B)(ix), 3(2B)(x), 3(2B)(xiii) of All India Service (Conduct) Rules, 1968.

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ANNEXURE-II

Statement of Imputations in support of the Articles of Charge framed against Sri P. Sitharama Anjaneyulu, I.P.S., D.G.P. (U/s) (formerly D.G.P., Intelligence)

On January 30, 2024, Sri Kanthi Rana Tata, IPS, the then Commissioner of Police (CP), Vijayawada, informed Sri Vishal Gunni, IPS, the then Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Vijayawada, of an important case that required close monitoring, with details to be provided after further verification of the facts.

On January 31, 2024, the charged officer called both Sri Kanthi Rana Tata and Sri Vishal Gunni to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO), where he briefed them on the details of a case involving Ms. Kadambari Jethwani. In the waiting room of the CMO, the charged officer explained that it was a case of alleged cheating and forgery, with Sri Vidya Sagar as the complainant, who had reportedly been defrauded and subjected to extortion. He specified that Ms. Kadambari Jethwani was the accused and emphasized the necessity of her arrest. Records show, however, that an FIR was only registered on February 2, 2024, at 6:30 AM, while instructions to both Sri Kanthi Rana Tata and Sri Vishal Gunni were issued by the charged officer on January 31, 2024. This raises suspicions of pre-planning by the charged officer, as he had directed officers under the DGP's (HoPF) command to take specific actions before the formal registration of any complaint or FIR from Sri Vidya Sagar.

Acting upon verbal instructions from Sri Kanthi Rana Tata, IPS, the then CP of the NTR Police Commissionerate in Vijayawada, his camp clerk, Sri M. Kumar, arranged flight tickets on February 1, 2024, for three officers: Sri Ramana Murthy, Additional DCP Task Force; Sri Sridhar, Inspector; and Sri Sharif, Sub-Inspector. These officers departed for Mumbai on February 2, 2024, at 7:30 AM—only one hour after the FIR registration at 6:30 AM. Additionally, a second set of tickets was booked by Sri M. Kumar on the evening of February 2, 2024, for nine personnel: (1) Sri M. Satyanarayana, Inspector at Ibrahimpatnam; (2) M/s. A. Durga Devi, Sub-Inspector; (3) M/s. T. Mownika, RSI; (4) Sri Y. Ramesh, PC-2809; (5) Smt. M. Geetanjali, ARWPC-3489; (6) S. Ramya, ARWPC-1018; (7) Sk. Shabana, WPC-1185; (8) Sri M. Bhanu Kiran, PC-3695; and (9) Sri U. Gopi, PC-2339. The expenses for these flights were covered using funds from the Secret Service Expenditure (SSE) amount, as per instructions from the then CP, Vijayawada, suggesting that arrangements were made well before the FIR's formal registration on February 1, 2024, following directions from the charged officer.

Significantly, the residential address of Ms. Kadambari Jethwani, located at A-602, Ideal Apartments, Gulmohar Road, Juhu, Mumbai, did not exist in 2018. Ms. Jethwani purchased the property in 2020 and moved in by July that year. However, the allegedly forged documents indicate this address as early as 2018. Ms. Jethwani contends that if she had intended to falsify the documents, she would not have used a non-existent address, which casts doubt on the case's validity. Moreover, her signature does not appear on the questioned document, further raising concerns about the document's authenticity.

While Ms. Jethwani's mobile phones and iPad were in police custody, her iTunes account was accessed or attempted to be accessed multiple times, with password changes or attempts made at least two or three times, suggesting potential tampering with evidence. Ms. Jethwani has provided screenshots of emails from Apple, dated February 7, February 21, February 23, May 28, and May 29, 2024, sent to her email address

(kahkkashanaryan@gmail.com), indicating attempts to log in to her Apple ID through a web browser. These records show efforts to alter her Apple ID details, including updating email addresses and resetting passwords, suggesting possible interference while her devices were in custody. All seized devices were eventually sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) in Mangalagiri on February 25, 2024, implying the potential tampering took place before forensic examination.

Witnesses in case Cr.No.90/2024 of Ibrahimpatnam P.S. have denied knowledge of the alleged transactions. LWs 5 and 6, who were purported to have given five lakh rupees to Ms. Jethwani for land purchase in Jaggayyapeta, denied knowing her and claimed they had no association with her whatsoever.

These circumstances indicate that the police investigation commenced before the formal FIR registration, suggesting an investigation that was not only premature but also lacking in thoroughness and impartiality. The Investigating Officer (IO) failed to collect sufficient evidence to substantiate allegations of extortion, forgery, or cheating. Despite this, the IO proceeded to arrest Ms. Jethwani and implicated her family members without clear evidence. The arrest of these individuals relied solely on the complainant's statement, with Mr. Ambrish Narendra Kumar Jethwani (Brother of Ms. Kadambari Jethwani) who resides at Dubai and not related to this case was also implicated despite lack of recorded evidence linking him to the case. Witnesses later confirmed to the inquiry officer that they were never contacted by the IO for statements, indicating a reliance on paperwork rather than comprehensive field investigation.

The rapid investigation and subsequent arrests on the day of FIR registration, absence of adequate documentation or physical evidence, indicate a failure to uphold fundamental investigative standards by the IO, supervising officers, the charged officer, and the then CP and DCP of Vijayawada. This led to significant mental distress for Ms. Jethwani and her family, who were detained without the chance to present their side or offer an explanation, resulting in 42 days in jail, including five days in police custody. This experience has severely impacted their trust in law enforcement and the judicial system.

Thus, the charged officer violated Rules 3(1), 3(1A)(i), 3(1A)(iii), 3(1A)(iv), 3(1A)(vi), 3(2B)(i), 3(2B)(iii), 3(2B)(iv), 3(2B)(vii), 3(2B)(viii), 3(2B)(ix), 3(2B)(x) and 3(2B)(xiii) of All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968 as amended from time to time.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE – III

List of documents by which the articles of charge framed against Sri P. Sitharama Anjaneyulu, I.P.S., D.G.P. (u/s) (formerly D.G.P., Intelligence) are proposed to be sustained.

1. Statement of Kum. Kadambari Narendra Kumar Jethwani, D/o. Sri Narendra Kumar Jethwani, Age.37 yrs; R/o. A-602, Ideal Apartments, Gulmohar Road, Juhu, Mumbai.
2. Statement of Sri Vishal Gunni, IPS, DIG (U/s) (the then DCP, L&O, Vijayawada.)
3. Enquiry report in C.No. 79/ACP-CCS-VZA/2024, dt. 10-09-2024 of Asst. Commissioner of Police, C.C.S., N.T.R. Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada.

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ANNEXURE – IV

List of witnesses by whom the articles of charge framed against Sri P. Sitharama Anjaneyulu, I.P.S., D.G.P. (u/s) (formerly D.G.P., Intelligence) are proposed to be sustained.

1. Kum. Kadambari Narendra Kumar Jethwani, D/o. Sri Narendra Kumar Jethwani, Age.37 yrs; R/o. A-602, Ideal Apartments, Gulmohar Road, Juhu, Mumbai.
2. Sri Vishal Gunni, IPS, DIG (U/s) (the then DCP, L&O, Vijayawada.
3. Dr. K. Sravanthi Roy, Asst. Commissioner of Police, C.C.S., N.T.R Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada.

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